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C O N F I D E N T I A L BONN 14876

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, UR, GW  
SUBJECT: FALIN'S RUMORED DEPARTURE

1. ACCORDING TO THE FONOFF (SOVIET DIVISION KUEHN), THE RUMORS THAT SOVIET AMBASSADOR FALIN IS DEPARTING BONN IN THE NEAR FUTURE HAVE RECENTLY INCREASED. THE RUMORS STARTED TWO YEARS AGO WHEN FALIN HAD A STOMACH OPERATION. THE RUMOR MILL HAS HEATED UP RECENTLY BECAUSE OF A VISIT BY FALIN TO LENINGRAD AND A REMARK BY A SOVIET IN THAT CITY TO THE FRG CONSUL GENERAL THAT FALIN WOULD SHORTLY BE TAKING UP RESIDENCE THERE.

2. AS TO POSSIBLE REPLACEMENTS, KUEHN SAID THE RECENT FAVORITE IS ALEXANDER BONDARENKO, CHIEF OF THE THIRD DEPARTMENT IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. BONDARENKO WAS GIVEN THE TITLE AMBASSADOR LAST YEAR AND CARRIED OUT CONSULTATIONS WITH THE FRG ON UN MATTERS, A SUBJECT WHICH IS NOT NORMALLY WITHIN HIS PURVIEW. ANOTHER LONG STANDING POSSIBILITY IS LEONID ZAMYATIM, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF TASS AND SOVIET CHAIRMAN OF THE  
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SOVIET-GERMAN FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY. HOWEVER, KUEHN

BELIEVES THAT ZAMYATIN IS TOO HIGHRANKING FOR POSTING  
TO BONN.  
HILLENBRAND

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